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PROTOCOL OF COOPERATION BETWEEN
PUBLIC UNIVERSITY "KADRI ZEKA", KOSOVO
and
BURGAS FREE UNIVERSITY, BULGARIA

Based on the intention to use the existing capacities and possibilities of the Public University "Kadri Zeka" and Burgas Free University in order to cooperate on scientific research projects of common interest, the signatory parties have agreed on the areas, goals and forms of future cooperation between:

Public University "Kadri Zeka", Str. Zija Shemsiu, n.n., 60000 Gjilan, represented by Prof. Assoc. Dr. Artan Dërmaku, Rector.

and

Burgas Free University, San Stefano Street, Nr. 62, 8001, Burgas, Bulgaria, represented by Rector, Prof. Milen Baltov, PhD.

(hereinafter: the signatory parties) it is concluded:

I - PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum of understanding (MoU) is to define the types of cooperation between the signatory parties in the field of scientific research, professional and educational activities. Cooperation will take place on the principle of mutual interest, through joint engagement of available human and material resources.

II - ACTIVITIES

The MoU foresees the implementation of the following activities:

- Joint performance when creating project applications,
- Joint performance in the preparation of feasibility studies and analyses,
- Joint participation and use of the obtained results in international, domestic and internal scientific

research and development projects,

- Joint realization of projects (through engagement of human, material and laboratory resources),
- Joint performance when analyzing the obtained results,
- Exchange of information through lectures, presentations, etc.,
- Recognition of technical solutions,
- Joint participation in the organization of professional and scientific gatherings,
- Cooperation in publishing scientific/professional magazines, books and other publications,
- Providing assistance in staff development through various types of scholarships and professional training and development,
- Other activities of mutual interest.

III - COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES

The signatory parties shall, within 30 days from the signing of the MoU, designate the coordinators, responsible for the implementation of this MoU.

The coordinators will analyze the execution of the MoU at least once a year and plan the next activities.

The parties can form permanent and temporary working bodies with the aim of joint planning, implementation and evaluation of specific activities.

IV - SPECIFICITIES OF THE MoU

The MoU does not establish mutual financial and material obligations for the signatories. If, with the consent of the signatories, such obligations are nevertheless established, they will be separately regulated in accordance with the applicable regulations.

Any specific cooperation will, in case of need, be specified in separate contracts.

V - CONFIDENTIALITY

The signatory parties of this MoU commit to confidentiality in the exchange and use of information and data obtained during cooperation. Information will be used solely for the purpose of cooperation and confidential information will not be used for personal gain.

The parties agree and acknowledge that the term "Confidential Information" as used in this MoU includes, but is not limited to: trade secrets, equipment, plans, drawings, blueprints, schedules, studies, specifications, technical data, databases, any what form of program systems (software), documentation, correspondence between the Parties or other business or technical data that one Party discloses to the other Party in connection with Business Cooperation. All other information listed and designated as Confidential Information at the time of its disclosure shall also be considered Confidential Information pursuant to this MoU.

The parties agree to treat all Confidential formation at least as carefully as they apply to their own Confidential Information.

The contracting parties are obliged during the duration of this contract as well as after its termination, to keep business secrets in relation to this contractual relationship.

The obligation to maintain business secrecy after the termination of the business relationship applies to the data for which it is applicable.

VI - AMENDMENTS TO THE MoU

This MoU can be amended and/or supplemented with the mutual consent of the signatory parties, in the form of an annex.

VII - TERMINATION OF THE MoU

The MoU can be canceled by the consent of the signatory parties or by unilateral cancellation with a written notification to the other party about the reason for cancellation.

Termination takes effect on the date of MoU between the parties or within 15 days from the date of receipt of unilateral termination.

VIII - PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF THE MoU

This MoU is concluded for a period of two (4) years with the possibility of extension and/or renewal for the same period.

IX EFFECTIVE DATE

The Mo U is effective on the day of signing, and it is made in two (2) copies, of which each party keeps one original (1).

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Prof. Asoc. Dr. Artan Dermaku
Rector

Place : *BURGAS*

Date : *11.07.2025*

Signed for
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Prof. Milen Baltov, PhD
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